GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:178
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BONDED CHILD LABOUR
CHARAN DAS MAHANT

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Human Rights Commission has initiated action for the implementation of the Direction of the Supreme Court for rehabilitation of child workers in silk industry;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate these children;

(c) whether the bonded child labour in silk industry as well as other industries is also increasing; and

(d) if so, the details alongwith the steps the Government propose to take to check exploitation of children, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTIONL NO. 178 FOR ANSWERE ON 03.03 REGARDOMG `BONDED CHILD LABOUR` BY DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT.

(a): In pursuance of the directives of the Supreme Court, the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has been overseeing the enforcement of directives of the Supreme Court on child labour including rehabilitation of children withdrawn from work in hazardous occupations like silk industry.

(b): Government of India has taken steps for withdrawal and rehabilitation of Child Labour working in hazardous occupations including child workers in silk industry to reduce the incidence of child labour in a particular district through the Scheme of National Child Labour Project (NCLP). Under the Scheme, special schools have been set up in the child labour endemic districts with the provision for non-formal/formal education, vocational training, stipend, nutrition, health-care etc. So far, NCLPs have been sanctioned in 100 districts of 13 child labour endemic states.

(c) & (d): No specific case about children being employed in the silk industry as bonded labour has been reported.